

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

September 6, 2023

Chairman Jon Payne called the 9.6.2023 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Jon Payne, Ross Smoker and Isaac Ramer Jr., Township Manager Julie Hartley and Jim Bathgate – Solicitor

Public Present: Bill Kline, Merv Heimbach, Jim Grose, Rick Mease, Jan Ritter, Darwin Swope, Shannon Rudy, Paul Long, Glen Buck, Andrew Porter, Mike Schrey, Chris Fetter and Scott Shambach

Conditional Use Hearing – Andrew Porter for Mike Schrey, Ground Mounted Solar, called to order at 6:00 pm. The hearing will be continued at the next Supervisor's Meeting on September 20th at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Jon Payne called the meeting back to order at 6:37 pm

Minutes – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve the August 16, 2023 supervisor's meeting minutes except for the Compost Section first motion which needs changed to Isaac Ramer Jr. instead of Ross Smoker seconding the motion and that Ross Smoker also voted “no” to the days of the week that it will be open.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Rick Mease, Selinsgrove Community Pool – Rick Mease discussed the financial needs of the swimming pool noting that the pool is now fifty-five years old and needs maintenance as well as the cost of many items to operate the pool have risen substantially. He shared that there will be two fundraisers in October, a bingo on October 1st and a 5K run on October 14th. The pool continues to offer free water aerobics, scuba lessons and swimming lessons. Rick requested that the Board consider budgeting \$12,000 to help with expenses for 2024.

Merv Heimbach On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to table the item.

Scott Shambach, Penn Avon Floodplain Permit – Scott explained that the deck that Penn Avon would like to install at 22 Penn Avon Trail is in the one-hundred-year flood plain. The building that he wants to attach the deck to is one foot above the floodplain. Scott continued by noting the reasons the construction should be allowed according to the Flood Plain Ordinance. The construction of the deck will be sixteen six by six posts with cement footers that will be forty-two inches into the ground. Decks allow flow capacity and do not contain hazardous materials. He continued by noting that section 503 G & H call for minimum obstruction which a deck will not and anchorage will be by sixteen 6x6' posts with clearance of approximately twenty-eight inches. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to allow the Floodplain Administrator to sign the Floodplain Permit provided that all zoning criteria are met.**

Jim Grose, Schrey Add-on Subdivision – Jim Grose explained that the add-on subdivision would involve taking Lot 1A and adding 10.87 acres to the Braden Klingler farm, Lot 2B which is 6.9 acres on the south side of Bake Oven Hill Road to the Braden Klingler farm and Lot 1 which is 0.54 acres to be transferred to the Raker's property to equal 2.5 acres and Lot 5 which is 2.5 acres and will be designated as a non-building lot which could be designated as a building lot in the future and have a shared access from S. Market St. A note that no additional lots may be subdivided is on the plans. Right-of-ways were also added to the plans. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve the Schrey Add-on Subdivision.**

Gene Kreamer, Herman Add-on Subdivision – Asked to be rescheduled to the September 20th Board of Supervisor's meeting.

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Shannon Rudy, CBDG – Shannon shared with the Board that she went door to door surveying on Pleasant Avenue but did not get the fifty-one percent that was needed to include paving with the side walk replacement project. She offered the Board two options to use their CBDG funds. The first option was giving \$48,755 to the Snyder County EMA and Planning Building project to make it handicapped accessible and using \$30,538 towards the sidewalk replacement project. The second option was to have all funds go to the sidewalk project in the amount of \$79,293.
On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to sign the Option II resolution to have all funding go to the Pleasant Avenue sidewalk replacement project.

New Business:

Snyder County Township Convention, Oct. 4 – The Board was informed that the Snyder County Convention will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4th at the Middleburg Firehall at 5:30 pm.

PMRS MMO for Pension Plan – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve the PMRS MMO Worksheet for the pension plan.**

Selinsgrove Halloween Parade, Oct. 17th, Rain Date Oct. 18th – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker to allow the Selinsgrove Halloween parade to use the township roads.**

Old Business:

Salt Spreader - Tabled

County Hyper-Reach Notification System – Tabled

Farm Land Lease at East Snyder Park – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to rescind all motions made at the August 16th Board meeting regarding leasing the farm land at East Snyder Park.**

Public Comment:

DH&L Ambulance Report – A DH&L Ambulance representative informed the Board that there were two hundred and eight calls for the month of August with seventy-two being in Penn Township. He also shared that renovations are going well and that all ambulances are repaired and on the road.

Jim Bathgate – Jim noted that an executive session was held from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm to discuss legal issues with no decisions made at that time.

Darwin Swope – Darwin asked the Board about the progress of Bright Farms with their sewage disposal. The Board noted that all sewage is now being shipped off sight now and in the foreseeable future. He also questioned the Board about the financial burden of adding two more Board members and if that was considered before their resolution to have it placed on the next eligible ballot. The Board responded that the voters will decide if the Board increases its members on the November 2024 ballot.

Isaac Ramer Jr. – Isaac asked if a gate with electronic keys could be an option for the Compost Site and requested that research into a grant be conducted.

Reports:

Julie Hartley, Manager ∞ Written Report Provided

Mark Strawser, Roadmaster ∞ Written Report Provided

Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer ∞ Written Report Provided

Colin Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Jim Bathgate, Solicitor – No report

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FYI:

- ESCRA July 19th, 2023 Minutes
- Thank you note – Kathy Ulrich

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 10.13.23
- Daniel Habegger, Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 10.4.23
- Donald Schrey, Add-on Subdivision, filed 7.13.23, due 10.11.23
- Michael Schrey, Conditional Use, filed 7.19.23, due 9.15.23, hearing 9.6.23, continued to 9.20.23
- Ronald & Ryan Herman, Add-on Subdivision, filed 8.24.23, due 11.22.23
- John Mitchell, Subdivision, filed 8.25.23, due 11.23.23

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- **On Motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation, to pay bills.**

Adjournment - **On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation the September 6, 2023 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager